



## **Do Think Tanks Have a Policy Impact?**

*Seminar organized by the American Information Center  
U.S. Embassy in Prague*

**Prague, September 5 – 6, 2005, Prague Woodrow Wilson Center  
Tržiště 13, Prague 1**

### **Program:**

#### ***Day I – Think Tanks in Domestic Policy***

9:00 – 9:15                      Welcome by Ambassador Cabaniss

#### ***Panel A : Think Tanks: Their Role in Society and the Inner Workings of their Management***

*(Moderator: Miroslav Dušek, American Information Center)*

9:15 – 9:45                      James McGann (Foreign Policy Research Institute, USA) – overview

9:45 – 10:00                    discussion

10:00 – 10:30                  Jiří Schneider (PASS, Czech Republic) – overview of the Czech Republic

10:30 – 10:45                  discussion

10:45 – 11:00                  coffee break

11:00 – 11:30                  Břetislav Dančák (IIPS, Czech Republic) – case study: financing a Czech academic think tank

11:30 – 11:45                  discussion

**12:00 – 13:00                  *lunch***



***Panel B: Think Tanks and their Policy Impact***

*(Moderator: Ladislav Mrklas, CEVRO)*

13:30 – 14:00	James McGann (Foreign Policy Research Institute, USA) – case study
14:00 – 14:15	discussion
14:15 – 14:45	Petr Mach (CEP, Czech Republic) – case study: flat income tax in the Czech Republic
14:45 – 15:00	discussion
15:00 – 15:15	coffee break
15:15 – 15:45	Grigorij Mesežnikov (IVO, Slovakia) – case study: IVO and Slovak 1998 parliamentary elections
15:45 – 16:00	discussion and wrap up

***Day II – Think Tanks in Foreign Policy***

***Panel A: What Role Think Tanks Play in Foreign Policy in the U.S. and Central Europe***

*(Moderator: Petr Drulák, Institute of International Relations)*

9:00 – 9:30	James McGann - overview
9:30 – 9:45	discussion
9:45 – 10:15	Petr Greger (Europlatform, Czech Republic) – overview of the Czech Republic
10:15 – 10:45	discussion
10:45 – 11:00	coffee break
11:00 – 11:30	Martin Bútora (IVO, Slovakia) – overview of Slovakia
11:30 – 12:00	discussion
12:00 – 13:00	<b><i>lunch</i></b>



***Panel B: Thinks Tanks and Foreign Policy: Case Studies***

*(Moderator: Tomáš Pojar, Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Minister)*

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| <i>13:00 – 14:00</i> | Baker Spring (Heritage Foundation) – case study: implementation of the missile defense concept in U.S. foreign policy |
| <i>14:00 – 14:30</i> | David Král (Europeum) – case study: Europeum and the Convention of the Future of Europe                               |
| <i>14:30 – 15:00</i> | discussion and wrap up  |